

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 and 5 to 22 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Please amend Claims 2 and 4 as shown below.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A probe set comprising multiple probes that can be used for identification of an HLA-A allele contained in a specimen under a condition in which at least one of the multiple probes specifically hybridizes to the HLA-A allele, wherein each of the multiple probes is a partial sequence of 10 to 30 successive bases of a sequence of an allele in the allele list for HLA-A in the specification, the partial sequence containing a base represented by a capital letter, and wherein the multiple probes, as taken all together and represented in small and capital letters as in the allele list for HLA-A, contain all the bases represented by capital letters in the allele list for HLA-A so that the 250 alleles of A*010101 through A*8001 listed in the allele list for HLA-A can be identified.

3. (Previously Presented) The probe set according to claim 2, comprising probes listed in Tables 1-1 to 1-7, or probes listed in Tables 2-1 to 2-6 in the specification.

4. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method for identification of an HLA-A allele contained in a sample from a specimen using a probe set, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the probe set is the probe set according to claim 2 or 3.

5 to 22. (Cancelled)